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TAGS: EGEN, EFIN, ETRD
SUBJECT: BONN SUMMIT: STATE SECRETARY VAN WELL
COMMENTS TO AMBASSADOR

1. AFTER DISCUSSION OF OTHER SUBJECTS, STATE
SECRETARY VAN WELL REFERRED TO SENATOR BYRD'S VISIT
WHICH HE THOUGHT USEFUL AND WELL-TIMED, AND WHICH
HE SAID THE GERMAN SIDE SAW AS A CURTAIN-RAISER FOR
THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT. THE AMBASSADOR STATED THAT
HE THOUGHT IT SIGNIFICANT THAT SENATOR BYRD AS
SENATE MAJORITY LEADER HAD COME AND HAD SUPPORTED
THE PRESIDENT'S EFFORTS AS MUCH AS HE HAD.

2. VAN WELL SAID THE BREMEN-EC SUMMIT HAD BEEN
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USEFUL. HE STATED THAT CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT WOULD
WISH TO EXPLAIN PROPOSED EC MONETARY SYSTEM DURING
THE UPCOMING SUMMIT MEETING AND THAT AN EXPRESSION
OF APPROVAL BY PRESIDENT CARTER FOR THAT SYSTEM
WOULD BE USEFUL, PARTICULARLY FOR BRITISH CONSUMPTION.

3. VAN WELL WENT ON TO STATE THAT THE FRG WAS

THINKING OF A PACKAGE DEAL WHICH, ON THEIR SIDE,
WOULD INCLUDE SOME FORM OF TAX RELIEF. GATT AND
TRADE ISSUES ALSO WOULD PLAY AN IMPORTANT PART
DURING THE ECONOMIC SUMMIT. THE AMBASSADOR RECOGNIZED
THAT THE UK AND JAPAN WERE A PROBLEM HERE, AND
STATED FURTHER THAT WE HAD A PROBLEM ON WHAT TO SAY
ABOUT ENERGY.

4. VAN WELL NOTED WITH A SMILE THE LATEST US
STATISTICS SHOWING THAT OUR DEFICIT IS CAUSED MORE
BY IMPORTS OF MACHINERY THAN BY OIL. HE
REMARKED HALF JOKINGLY THAT THE FRG ALSO WILL BE
COMING UP WITH SOME "NEW STATISTICS" VAN WELL
STATED THAT ON THE SIDE OF THE SUMMIT, TALKS WOULD
TAKE PLACE ON EAST-WEST MATTERS, AFRICAN AND NEAR
EAST AFFAIRS.

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